

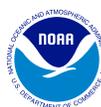


## *Okeanos Explorer* ROV Dive Summary

Dive Information	
General Location	
General Area Descriptor	Musicians Seamounts
Site Name	Wagner Seamount
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ROV Dive Name	
Cruise	EX1708
Leg	-
Dive Number	DIVE08
Equipment Deployed	
ROV	Deep Discoverer



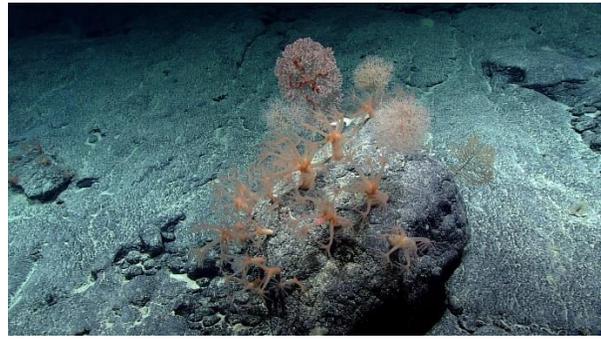
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Purpose of the Dive	<p>One of the main objectives of this dive was to collect representative rock samples of the feature for geochemical analysis and isotopic dating so as to examine the interaction of hot spot and mid-ocean ridge interactions. The other objective for this dive is to characterize the distribution and abundance of benthic fauna, in particular corals, to examine the diversity, biogeography, and connectivity of corals living the northern seamount group compared to those observed in the southern seamount group and to the rest of the sites visited during this expedition. A comparison of the diversity and distribution of coral and sponge communities across the seamounts to the north and to the Hawaiian Ridge and the broader North Pacific will help describe the biogeography and connectivity of communities in the Pacific. The dive satisfies the CAPSTONE science themes to "investigate the geologic history of Pacific seamounts" and to "identify and map vulnerable marine habitats – particularly high-density deep-sea coral and sponge communities."</p>		
Description of the Dive	<p>The ROV Deep Discoverer (D2) arrived on bottom near the base of a volcanic pillow cone at a water depth of 2428 m. The seafloor here was composed of talus of various sizes including large boulders and some intact lava flow outcrops. Soon after, contact was made with an extensive sheet flow unit ~one-meter-thick at 2430 m that persisted upslope. An in place rock sample was obtained from the flow edge and does appear to be basalt with a broken edge showing alteration. Regarding biology, the dive started slow with some low density communities. As we transected up the slope of the cone feature, the community increased in density with Chrysogorgid coral, <i>Anthomastus</i> sp. mushroom coral, and a diversity of Antipatharians, black coral, along the way. The slope increased to 30-40° at 2024 m and a mix of sheet flow and pillow outcrops with talus were presented. A unique white sea star, likely <i>Zorroaster</i> sp., with a single row of upward facing spines was observed at time stamp 20:46 and a depth of 2415 m. Large, isolated boulders with abundant corals were seen atop mostly barren sheet flows at 2235 m on slopes of 40-50°. The slope again steepened at 2310 m to possibly 50-60°</p>		







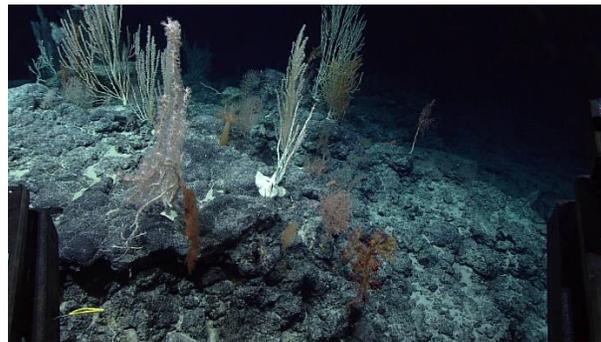
Nearly barren of life, this lava sheet flow with broken downslope edge at the beginning of the dive is a source of talus



Corals densely populating an isolated boulder resting on a smooth sheet flow unit



Two crabs (*Paralomis* sp.) locked in a loving embrace, crustacean style



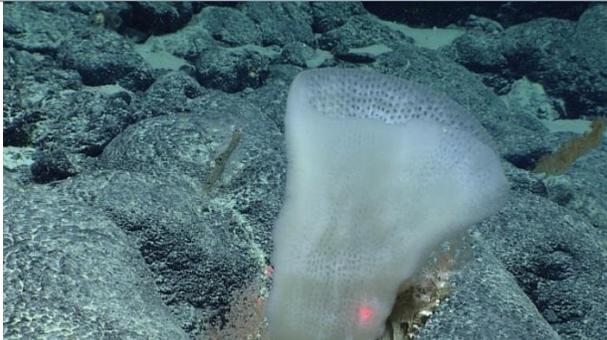
Dense coral community, with some sponges, on the summit of the pillow cone

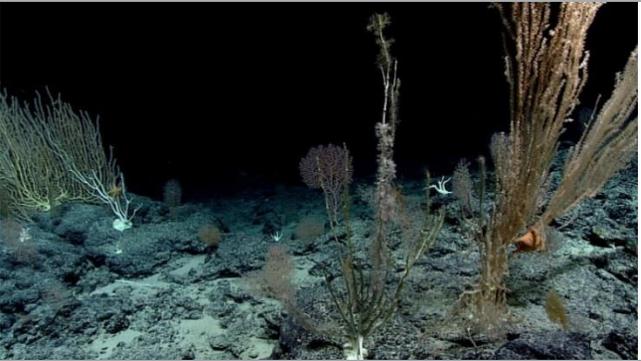
### Samples Collected

#### Sample

Sample ID	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC01GEO
Date (UTC)	9/14/2017
Time (UTC)	20:29
Depth (m)	2425.12
Temperature (°C)	1.7
Field ID(s)	Manganese encrusted rock in place sheet flow
Commensal ID and Field Identification	
Comments	



Sample		
Sample ID	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC02BIO	
Date (UTC)	9/14/2017	
Time (UTC)	22:33	
Depth (m)	2352.5	
Temperature (°C)	1.8	
Field ID(s)	<i>Umbellapathes</i> sp.	
Commensal ID and Field Identification	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC02BIO_A01 Manganese encrusted rock EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC02BIO_A02 Hydrozoa EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC02BIO_A03 Goniasteridae	
Comments		
Sample		
Sample ID	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC03BIO	
Date (UTC)	9/14/2017	
Time (UTC)	23:21	
Depth (m)	2292.1	
Temperature (°C)	1.8	
Field ID(s)	Euplectellidae	
Commensal ID and Field Identification	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC03BIO_A01 Gastropoda EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC03BIO_A02 Stolonifera EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC03BIO_A03 Polychaeta EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC03BIO_A04 Amphipoda	
Comments	Portion of dead sponge was collected with specimens	
Sample		
Sample ID	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC04GEO	
Date (UTC)	9/15/2017	
Time (UTC)	00:04	
Depth (m)	2230.5	
Temperature (°C)	1.8	
Field ID(s)	Manganese encrusted rock	
Commensal ID and Field		

Identification		
Comments	Associate corals were lost between collection and ROV recovery; no associates were collected with the rock sample	
<b>Sample</b>		
Sample ID	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC05BIO	
Date (UTC)	9/15/2017	
Time (UTC)	01:07	
Depth (m)	2233.2	
Temperature (°C)	1.8	
Field ID(s)	Stolonifera on bamboo	
Commensal ID and Field Identification	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC05BIO_A01 Hydrozoa	
	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC05BIO_A02 Isididae skeleton	
	EX1708_D2_DIVE08_SPEC05BIO_A03 Polychaeta?	
Comments		

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